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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/506,246
Filing Date	February 17, 2000
Confirmation Number	7248
First Named Inventor	Rex T. Gallagher
Group Art Unit	1614
Examiner Name	C. Delacroix Muirhei
Attorney Docket Number	2075.1002-003

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐.

iii. ☐ Other -- ☐.

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment

ii. ☒ Amendment Fee Transmittal with copy

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time - four month(s) with copy

v. ☒ Other -- Marked-Up Version of Amendments (p. i).

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ☐ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other -- ☐.

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$1,100.00
OR

☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$☐ to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 04/08/2003 CVD111 00000008 09506246

iii. ☐ Amendment Fee 01 FC:2801 375.00 OP

iv. ☐ Other -- ☐.

b. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$9	\$
X \$42	\$
+ \$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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X \$18	\$
X \$84	\$
+ \$280	\$

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petition for four month Extension of Time	\$	725
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	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$	375
		\$	
	TOTAL:	\$	1100

☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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